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KOWLOON GUN DUEL

Tear-Gas Used When Gunmen Shelter In Ruins

Three Wounded In "Battle"

One man was killed and several others wounded in a gun duel on the Island yesterday afternoon between a gang of robbers and nearly 100 policemen. During the half-hour battle, the Police were reinforced by the Emergency Unit and tear-gas bombs were brought into play. When the miniature "Sydney Street" battle ended, one gangster was dead, and another wounded, while Detective Lance-Corporal Wong Fuk was critically hurt and Detective Sub-Inspector Dempsey slightly injured.

WAGES BILL FIGURES

London, Feb. 3.
Nearly £90,000,000 has been added to the nation's wages bill as a result of increases in weekly rates in 1947.

They were 73 percent above the September 1939 level by December 30.

For about 5,000,000 workers the weekly wages rose by £1,750,000 compared with an increase of £1,000,000 for some 8,000,000 in 1946.

There was at the same time a reduction in working hours. About 5,200,000 had their normal weekly hours reduced by about three and a half.

There were fewer strikes than in 1946 but they affected more workers and lasted longer.

Last year 2,432,000 working days were lost compared with 2,158,000 in 1946.—Reuter.

Shinagawa Camp Echo

Yokohama, Feb. 4.
An Eight Army Military Commission today sentenced Takuban Arni, former civilian guard at Shinagawa prisoner of war hospital in Tokyo, to three years hard labour for maltreating two American prisoners.

Arni's victims, who were beaten and abused, were Corporal Leon Innis of Wichita, Kansas, and Machinist Mate R.F. Bangor of Compton, California.

Many Hong Kong P.O.W.'s were at Shinagawa camp, which was the hospital camp for the Tokyo area.—United Press.

The shooting started at about 2.30 p.m. yesterday, when the four gunmen took refuge in a partly demolished house in Yu Lok Lane, which runs parallel with Second Street between Centre and Western Streets. This is a typical alley, some four feet wide with semi-ruined houses on one side and a 20-foot sheer drop on the other. The robbers dug themselves in and tried to shoot it out with the Police.

ASP Wilcox and ASP Tyrer arrived on the scene with a large contingent of uniformed and plain clothes men from Central and Western Police Stations about 10 minutes after shooting started. Operations from then on were under their joint direction.

The Emergency Unit, and a detail of detectives from Upper Levels Police Station under DS1 Dempsey and DS1 Wong Fuk were rushed to Yu Lok Lane to assist the posse there.

The story begins at 2.30 p.m. when Det-Inspector Lam Yung-tai, of "Western," received information that four armed men were going to rob 17 Western Street. With a squad of C.I.D., including Ip Shum and Chan Wing, DS1 Lam rushed to the spot.

On their arrival at Second Street they saw four Chinese making off in a hurry. Challenged by the Police, the men ran along Second Street to Centre Street and turned off into Yu Lok Lane.

Fired

As the detectives, with Chan Wing and Ip Shum in the lead, were going up the steps leading to the lane, the armed men turned and fired at their pursuers. The detectives returned the fire and one of the men was seen to drop in his tracks.

When Detective Chan Wing had passed him in pursuit of the other man the fallen gunman drew a bead on the detective. Luckily, Ip Shum, close behind, saw him. He plunged the man in the right wrist and right leg. While being hauled

up, he was shot again. As the detectives, with Chan Wing and Ip Shum in the lead, were going up the steps leading to the lane, the armed men turned and fired at their pursuers. The detectives returned the fire and one of the men was seen to drop in his tracks.

The other man also escaped.

Shanghai Vital Statistics

Shanghai, Feb. 4.
Three hundred fifty-one persons committed suicide in Shanghai during 1947 while 584 others had their attempts foiled, police statistics disclosed.

During the year, police records show, 477 men and 458 women attempted to end their lives resulting in 361 fatalities. They included nine persons who were above 60 years old, but the largest number of persons who tried to kill themselves was in the 20-29 age bracket—451. Two hundred twenty-two who attempted suicide during the year were in the 30-39 age bracket.

Police records also showed that 233 who tried to kill themselves were jobless and 344 were elementary school graduates.

Lingering illness caused 117 persons to end their own lives, marital difficulties 33 others and loss of employment 61 more. Fifteen persons tried suicide because they were denied "freedom" to marry.

He proposed the adjournment of the debate and an immediate inter-party conference.

To Yield?

If the Government yields, the debate, which started last Tuesday but was adjourned until yesterday so that an earlier Opposition proposal could be considered, will again be adjourned, and for the moment the Parliament Bill will escape defeat.

If the Government refuses further concessions, the House of Lords will doubtless carry their opposition to a vote, which must result in the throwing out of the Bill.

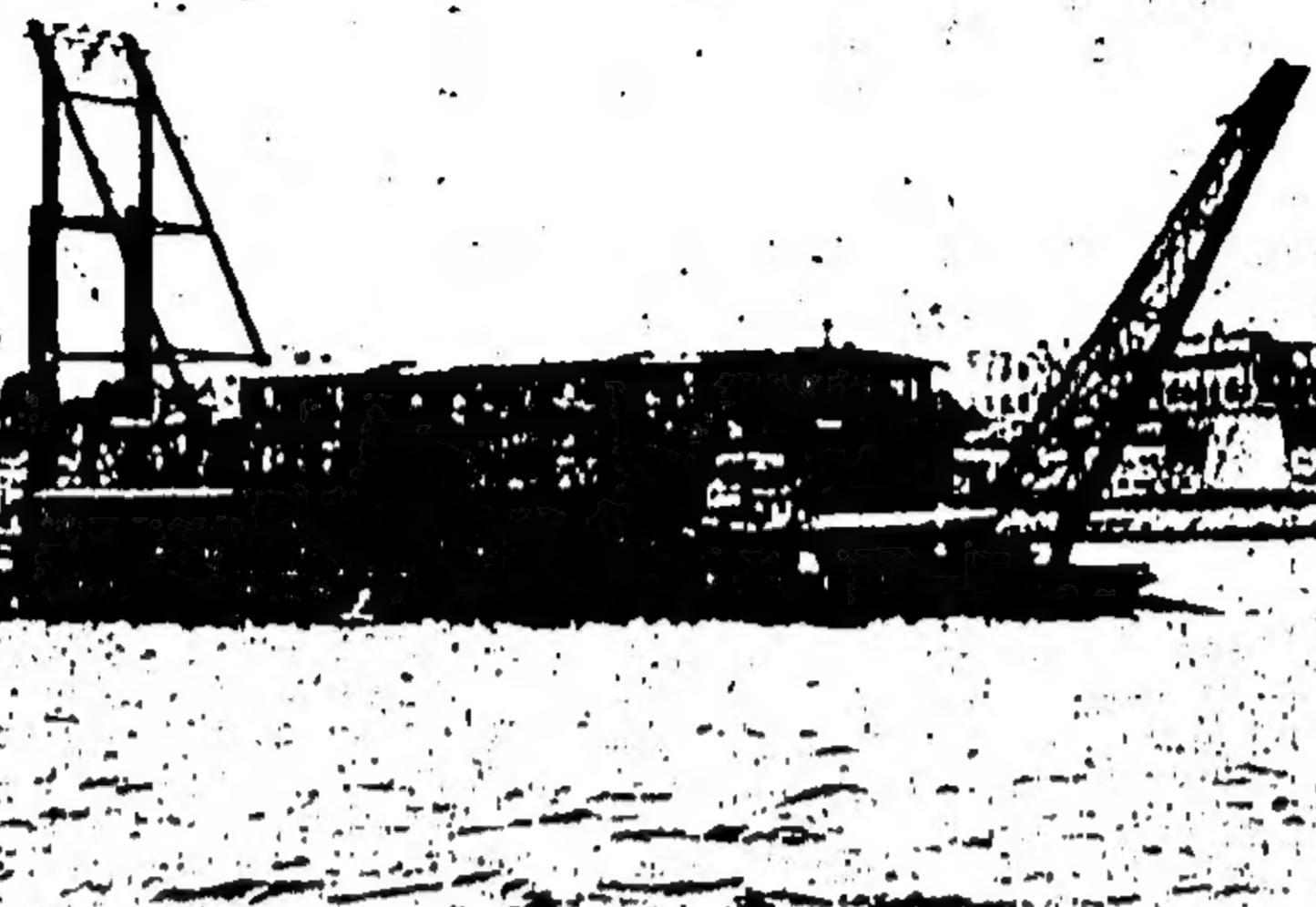
The Bill is at present being discussed on the second reading with the Government asking for approval in principle.

The debate was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

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SHANGHAI RIOTS STRAWS IN WIND

Serious Discontent

Shanghai, Feb. 4.
The two recent cases of assault on public officials, followed immediately afterwards by serious riots and loss of life at a factory in Shanghai, are symptomatic of the serious discontent, verging on desperation, permeating China, especially the poorer classes, today.

Main causes of this discontent are the steadily deteriorating economic conditions, entailing an extremely heavy rise in living costs.

These conditions are due mainly to the civil war which, owing to the Communists' destructive tactics, is wrecking the economy of Manchuria, the whole of North China and part of Central China, but also to the Government's economic policy which is strangling what little trade still is possible. Government monopolies, the shipping ring and the re-

Flour Sales

Foreign firms who, before the introduction of the restrictions, had ordered flour imports, have been forced to sell them to the Central Trust for plus 10 per cent.

It is stated that part of this flour has been sold later in the Tientsin and Shanghai markets much above that price. Even admitting that Government receives all profits from the Trust's transactions, nevertheless it is obvious that this is a direct tax on the people's food.

Cutting across these causes of economic unrest there is also the growing antagonism between South and North China because the latter considers it has been neglected by the Central Government, which it thinks is only concerned with financial and commercial interests in Shanghai and the Yangtze Valley.

Fu Tsao-yi

It is said that one reason for the appointment of General Fu Tsao-yi, who is a northerner, to a new command was to allay northern dissatisfaction.

With civil war raging in a large part of the country, the present growing unrest is a very grave factor which might easily lead to food riots in the larger cities, involving unpredictable and far-reaching political changes. —Our Own Correspondent.

Appeal To Thirteen Leading Americans

An appeal to thirteen prominent Americans to oppose United States aid to China and to support a peace campaign in the Chinese civil war has been despatched by the Liberal Democratic Action Committee of China.

Signed by Mr. Percy Chen, Chairman of the Committee, the appeal is addressed to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Mrs. John Foster Dulles, Miss Pearl Buck, Mr. Justice William Douglas, Bishop Montague Scarritt, Phillip Murray, Adolph Ochs, Clarence Gannett, Leon Henderson, James Carey, David Dubinsky, Elliott Roosevelt and Walter Reuther.

"Under these decisive circumstances the L.D.A.C.C. believe that the possibility of ending a neutral zone between the armed forces of the two parties, of calling an armistice, of installing a liberal government of a coalition cabinet, and of restoring the system of free enterprises in China are all matters of practical politics."

"The Liberal Democratic Action Committee of China is now taking active steps to the realization of this programme."

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The question of the relevancy of damage costs in traffic hearings again cropped up before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday when Mr. H. C. Lee of Wilkinson & Grist appeared as complainant against a tram driver, Lui Man-po.

Mr. Lee, whose Car 265 was damaged by Tram No. 27, under cross-examination by defense counsel, Mr. Y. K. Kan, said repairing cost him \$62.

"Since the sum is so small, I take it that the damage was very slight," said Mr. Kan.

Mr. G. Binstead, Traffic Superintendent, prosecuting, interposed: "I think we can leave out the sum involved." The Police were not concerned with costs of damage. Traffic regulations had been broken, and that was all the Police were interested in.

Mr. Kan—"I think I know what the Prosecution is aiming at, but I'm not alleging in this case as I did in another case recently."

(Mr. Kan, in a recent case, said of late there have been many summonses against tram drivers. In every case when a tram and another vehicle have had an accident, the tram driver generally was made the defendant. This is very significant and in my opinion Your Worship's Court is being used to settle matters which entirely concern the Civil Court.)

Mr. Kan yesterday contended that he wanted to mention costs to point out the extent of damage.

Mr. Lee

In evidence Mr. Lee said he was travelling behind the tram. Following road guide signals, witness said he turned right into Jackson Road. He passed the tram, which was going very slowly, at the bottom of Garden Road and stopped after passing the lavatory at the Queen's Road-Garden Road junction, when he saw a traffic constable put up the stop signal.

He signalled to vehicles behind that he was stopping. Mr. Lee said, and pulled up opposite the Car Park, a few inches away from the tram track.

The morning was clear and sunny, witness stated in answer to a Prosecution query as to visibility.

The tram hit his rear offside mudguard, Mr. Lee continued, and "the impact was great enough to shake me up."

The tram driver, Lui, said that when he approached the bend he cut off his power as he was going downhill. He saw the car overtaking his tram and stopping. He had applied both his emergency and hand brakes because he saw the car was too close to the track. The momentum downhill might have pushed the tram a little further so as to brush the car.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Norman Senior stated that a tram travelling on level ground at eight m.p.h. would stop over 28 feet in five seconds and at five m.p.h. over 13 feet in 3.5 seconds.

Not Relevant

Mr. Kan contended that the evidence was not relevant. Tram No. 27 was not the vehicle tested and the tests made were not in connection with the matter.

Reminders

Today

Annual Meeting, International Assurance Co., Ltd., 12.14 Queen's Road, Central, 11 a.m.

Children's Party by Kowloon branch of Society for Protection of Children, Gun Club Hill, 2.30 p.m.

Stage Club presentation of "The Man Who Came To Dinner," Missions to Seamen Theatre,

8.30 p.m.

Bridge & Mah Jong Drive, Sailors & Soldiers Home, Wan-chai, 2.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Official opening of Kowloon Rotary Club, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cosmopolitan Club Chinese New Year Dance.

H.K. Football Referees Association Dinner, Luk Kwok Hotel, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Soccer: Dinea v. Norwegians, Happy Valley.

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STAGE PLAY

The Hong Kong Stage Club's production of "The Man who Came to Dinner" played successfully to a full audience last night in the Mission to Seamen theatre. The play will be on for another three nights, with booking at Mourier's. A review will appear in tomorrow's issue of the "China Mail."

Personalalia

Lt. Col. J. R. Filmer-Bennett, MC, who has commanded the 1st Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers for the past two and half years during their tour in India and the Far East relinquished his command at the beginning of this month. He is returning to the U.K. prior to taking up a new appointment in either Burma or West Africa.

His successor is Lt. Col. D. Shaw, DSO, MC, who recently arrived in the Colony from Mauritius Island where he was Garrison Commander.

Lt. Col. Shaw served with the 2nd Bn. Inniskilling at Dunkirk, where he was awarded the Military Cross. In Burma and Madras he commanded a Commando Unit and later in the war commanded the 2nd Bn. Inniskillings in Italy and Austria, being awarded the DSO.

In Italy he was awarded the Military Cross.

Pointing out that defendant had given "frank evidence and clear statement" Mr. Kan said that trams of necessity must stick to the track and cannot deviate from it. "There would not have been an accident if two cars were involved," he stated.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada remarked that defendant had woken up to the fact that the car had stopped too late, and fined him \$75.

LAND SALE

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3512 at Pak Po Road will be sold by Public Auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m.

The area is about 43,000 square feet. The annual rental is \$790 and the upset price \$21,500.

Sale: Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road.

Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum of \$4,300 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the Exchange Banks Association.

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The Devil Proved A Bad Driver

Chung Kwok-kau, 50-year-old licensed driver, was driving lorry 5208 along Castle Peak Road at 9.30 a.m. on Feb. 3 when, just at the 10-mile stone, the devil took over the control of the vehicle.

The devil, according to the story Chung told Traffic Sub-Inspector Raymond Bell and related to Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday, was a very bad driver for he drove the lorry right into the milestone, broke the steering mechanism, and went down the hillside.

Although the vehicle dropped 86 feet and the driving cab was smashed to pieces, he escaped unscathed.

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Saw Stolen Cloth Being Sold

How a chance conversation between Mok Yam, master of the Sing Yuet Factory of Suiter Street, and Lau Po-sang resulted in the recovery of all property stolen nine hours earlier from the factory and led to the arrest of a man and two women within 24 hours, was told by Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes to Mr. W. H. Latimer of Kowloon yesterday.

The burglary took place at 4 a.m. on Jan. 27, said DSI Sykes, when Wong Sik-kwong (25) was charged with burglary and receiving stolen property, and Keung Kwai (43) widow, and Chan Kim-ying (24) married woman, with receiving stolen property.

At 9 a.m. Lau Po-sang, residing at 150 Yee Kuk Street, first floor, saw a man in the "leng" with Keung Kwai (in sub-tenant), examining red checked cloth and a black Chinese suit. The woman bought the goods for \$14.40.

Four hours later he was visited by Mok Yam who, in the course of conversation, mentioned the burglary at the factory. Lau was taken to the factory and shown a sample of the cloth stolen, identified it as being similar to that sold on his floor.

Defectives, under DSI Sykes, went to the Yee Kuk Street address where they found the cloth and suit which Keung Kwai allegedly admitted having bought from a man called Lau Sung.

Pointed To Man

She brought the Police to 370 Reclamation Street, second floor, where, in the second cubicle, she pointed out a man, "sleeping on the bed" as the one from whom she bought the goods. He gave his name as Wong Sik-kwong.

Wong, at the Mong Kok Police Station, admitted having stolen

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Allegations Against Police Hawker Says He Was Molested

Hawker Used An Old Trick

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny by trick, Ho Hung-25, hawker, was yesterday sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy.

According to the prosecution, Ho approached complainant regarding the purchase of 50 cartons of melon seeds. He said he was working at the Oriental Theatre and requested that delivery be made there, payment to be made on receipt of the goods.

A hawk of the complainant was sent with the seeds and was met by defendant at the Theatre entrance. The latter took the seeds and asked the hawk to wait, explaining that payment would be made after the seeds had been weighed.

He went inside the Theatre but did not reappear, having left by the rear entrance.

On Feb. 2, accused was recognized by the hawk and arrested. On being charged at the Police Station, he admitted the larceny.

War Trial Adjourns

No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court adjourned proceedings against 17 alleged Japanese war criminals indefinitely yesterday after sitting for half a day, hearing the cleaver phase of the Prosecution.

The Court, composed of Lt. Col. H. G. Gunn (President), Lt.-Col. J. T. Brock (Judge Advocate) and Major N. McLeod and Lt. R. Carter as members, is trying Commander Tahara Sotsuma of the Hainan Island POW Camp and 16 of his associates for mistreating 263 Australians and 237 Dutchmen and causing the death of some 150 prisoners between 1942 and 1945.

Major Grant-McIntyre and Major A. Mackay are prosecuting jointly.

Both are from the Australian Division, SCAP (GHQ) Tokyo.

Allegations against the police were made by Chan Yiu, 28-year-old son of the "Keung Sheung Yat Po," who appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with obstruction and hawking without a licence in Queen's Road, Central.

Chan, who pleaded not guilty, received money from a man and produced two witnesses, one of whom is a Fire-Flight officer, was convicted and sentenced by Mr. F. X. d'Almada, who remarked: "So many people are selling newspapers every day and not molested, so why should you be?"

Defendant, who was paid to have been a newspaper delivery boy of the Chinese language for over 10 years with a clear record, told the court that he delivered a paper to a subscriber aboard a fire-boat in Connaught Road, Central, near the Sincere Company.

Pain

"I was suddenly pipped by the neck from behind," Chan alleged, "and it was right on my opened bed. The arousing pain caused me to reprimand the person, who claimed to be a detective and asked me for a pass."

Defendant said that his office did not issue passes to the folks, and denied the detective's assertion that he accepted money from the fire-boat officer, who received the paper.

Chan also told the detective that the papers were not for sale and were only for the usual subscribers.

"I was pushed by the neck again," he alleged. "When I asked him to release me as the pain was too great, he answered: 'So you want to run away?'

Wong Yee wing, a fire-boat officer, said that the Fire Brigade ordered the "Keung Sheung" for the use of members,

and defendant delivered the paper every morning between 8 and 9 a.m.

Not Right

He also denied giving any money to defendant, and alleged that the detective's evidence was "not right."

Mg. Wu Wing-Loong, general affairs clerk of the daily, said that Chan had been employed for over 10 years, to deliver papers to subscribers. The Fire Brigade was one of its subscribers.

Detective 869 Au Kwok-on told the court in the witness box that he saw defendant at about 9 a.m. selling newspapers and

IRAQ REJECTS TREATY

Baghdad, Feb. 3.—The Iraqi Government officially informed Mr. D. L. Bush, acting British Ambassador in Baghdad, today of its rejection of the Anglo-Iraq treaty signed at Portsmouth earlier this month, according to quarters in close touch with the Iraqi Cabinet.—Reuters.

READERS' LETTERS

Disclaimer

Sir.—Appearing in the Tuesday, February 3rd, issue of your paper was a column about the meeting of the Democratic League, Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee, National Salvation Group, Chinese Peasant and Workers Democratic Party, Chinese Democratic Promotion Society, Joint Society of Sir. Min. Chiu Disciples and Chih Kung Tong.

As Director and Deputy Director of the Chinese Freemasons' Democratic Party of China in the Districts of Hong Kong and Macao, we venture to call the attention of the public particularly to the fact that this party was formed by members of the Chih Kung Tong in all the Americas. Chih Kung Tong is the predecessor of the Chinese Freemasons' Democratic Party known as Ming Chih Tang.

A political party under the name of Chih Kung Tang was formed during the time of General Chan Chung Ming, but was dissolved later on.

It is likely that the mistake might have been made when instead of giving the name Chih Kung Tang, Chih Kung Tang was given erroneously. If, however, it is purposely given with the intention of confusing the public in order to implicate the Chih Kung Tong or the Chinese Freemasons' Democratic Party in the matter, then, this letter is to refute such a statement absolutely.

Judgment

In dismissing the appeal Mr. Justice Gould said:

I hold that the words of the Section 112, s. 111—of the Magistrate's Ordinance as applying to the action of the appellant are mandatory. If they are not complied with there is no jurisdiction in this Court to hear the appeal in question. Cases decided under similar sections in England sometimes give an apparent inference to an applicant, for example, in one case notice was given verbally to the Justice that an appeal would be filed but he did not follow up his notice to the Justice, which appears to be a defect or omission rather than of substance and I hold there was no jurisdiction; it is apparently deemed better to have a strict and a firm rule even though an occasional injustice should ensue.

Chih Kung Tong existed only in the Americas and is no longer in existence, since it had been organized into the Chinese Free Masons' Democratic Party, as above stated. It was certainly a surprise to learn that such a statement as appeared in the column of your paper, that the Chih Kung Tong participated in issuing jointly the statement by the Democratic League and others.

It is desired to be pointed out unequivocably that the Chih Kung Tong as a political party under the name of the Chinese Freemasons' Democratic Party has nothing, whatsoever, to do with that statement, as the aim and object of our party is above all for the interest of the Chinese people and nation, and we hold our own views aloof from those of other parties and they are not in any way influenced by exotic far-off doctrines.

Your kind consideration in giving this poor letter its appearance in your paper will be greatly appreciated.

MING CHIH TANG.

EXTRA TRAIN

An additional fast train will run between Kowloon and Canton for the Chinese New Year period from Feb. 5 to 9 and 13 to 17, both dates inclusive.

Third class passengers only will be booked by this train which will leave Kowloon at 7.30 a.m., arriving Canton 12.11 p.m. and leave Canton 3.25 p.m. arriving Kowloon 8.00 p.m.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate today a bill extending until December 31 the right of the alien spouses of American service personnel to enter the United States. Previous legislation expired at the end of 1947.—Reuters.

A 6-year-old boy, Chung Wan-ho, was knocked down by private car 2922 at the junction of Bowring Canal Road and Hennessy Road shortly after 9 p.m. yesterday. He died on the way to Queen Mary Hospital.

NO JURISDICTION TO HEAR APPEAL

Mo Kit-wan alias Mo Ma-hing of 566 Nathan Road, fined \$5,500 by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistracy on Nov. 12 on four counts of overcharging of rent, one of failing to post a notice of the amount of rent paid and an additional charge, framed by the Magistrate, of receiving key money, had his appeal against the conviction dismissed at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. D.A.L. Wright instructed by Mr. M.A. da Silva was for the appellant and Mr. J. Reynolds for the Crown.

Mr. Reynolds said that the proper recognizances required were not entered into and that the court had no power to hear the appeal.

Mr. Wright said that the Magistrate if not primarily responsible for the errors was at least a party to it. The provisions of Section (e) (2) had been substantially if not literally complied with and it was fit for the Judge to exercise his discretion for the appellant.

Appellant had entered into recognizance on a printed form in the presence of the Magistrate but was ignorant of the correct form and did not know that any irregularities had been committed. The solicitor for the appellant was not responsible for the error. He did not get a copy made by the clerk unless application were made for a copy of the proceedings. Recognition was down outside the 21 days in which it should have been entered.

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Comment

On Gen.

Chennault

Stuttgart, Feb. 3.—General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor in Germany, speaking at a press conference here today, said his Government "would welcome a Federal Government in Germany."

One could argue for years, he continued, when discussing the institution of a Federal State about which right to give to the individual states and which to reserve for the Federal Government.

General Clay pointed to the history of the United States in this connection and declared that a future German Government should be flexible and not rigid.

The kind of Government which Americans would welcome would be the one desired by the majority of the German population, he added.

General Clay said the proclamation of the Economic Council would probably take place some time next week.

Considering the speed at which the denazification proceedings were being conducted, he hoped denazification would be completed by June 1, 1948.—Reuters.

Comment

On Gen.

Chennault

Nanking, Feb. 4.—The Government spokesman, Dr. Hsing-ching K. Tong, asked today to comment on Gen. Claire Chennault's visit to China summarised in yesterday's "China Mail," said:

"General Chennault is a far-sighted man. At a time when most people either than the Chinese laughed at China's claim that Japan had a blueprint for world conquest, Gen. Chennault foresaw it. Four years after Japan started fighting China, his judgment was substantiated by Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour.

The situation in the north-east is serious. Its importance is shown in the Government's determination to hold key positions with all available forces. I believe whatever development takes place in the north-east will have international repercussions.

"I hold Gen. Chennault in high estimation because of his selflessness in championing China's cause when many Western leaders were lukewarm in their support."—United Press.

REEL CLUB DANCE

An enjoyable evening was had at the Hong Kong Reel Club Dance on the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden last night.

Many of the men turned out in their Highland regalia and the ladies wore their "clan plaids" making an exceedingly attractive sight in the Eightone Reel, "Strip the Willow" and other Scottish Dances.

RADIO

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12.30 p.m.—Italy Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Alfredo Campani and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—R.B.C. Transcription Services: "Revolts in the Stars".

1.15 p.m.—News. Weather Report, and Announcements.

1.20 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—The Dance Band of R.M.S. "Queens". (By kind permission of the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studio: Radio Rhythms presented by Philie Born.

6.30 p.m.—Studio: La Demi-Lune French.

7.00 p.m.—London Reels: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Services: "ITMA" with Tommy Handley.

7.45 p.m.—R.D.C. Transcription Services: "The Masquerade".

8.00 p.m.—Music and Song from Foreign Lands.

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Services: "Music in Miniature".

9.00 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.15 p.m.—Studio: Book Reviews. Presented by Aileen Dekker.

9.25 p.m.—Studio: Vocal Recital by Harry Moody. (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment by Val Bowman.

9.40 p.m.—Violine Interlude.

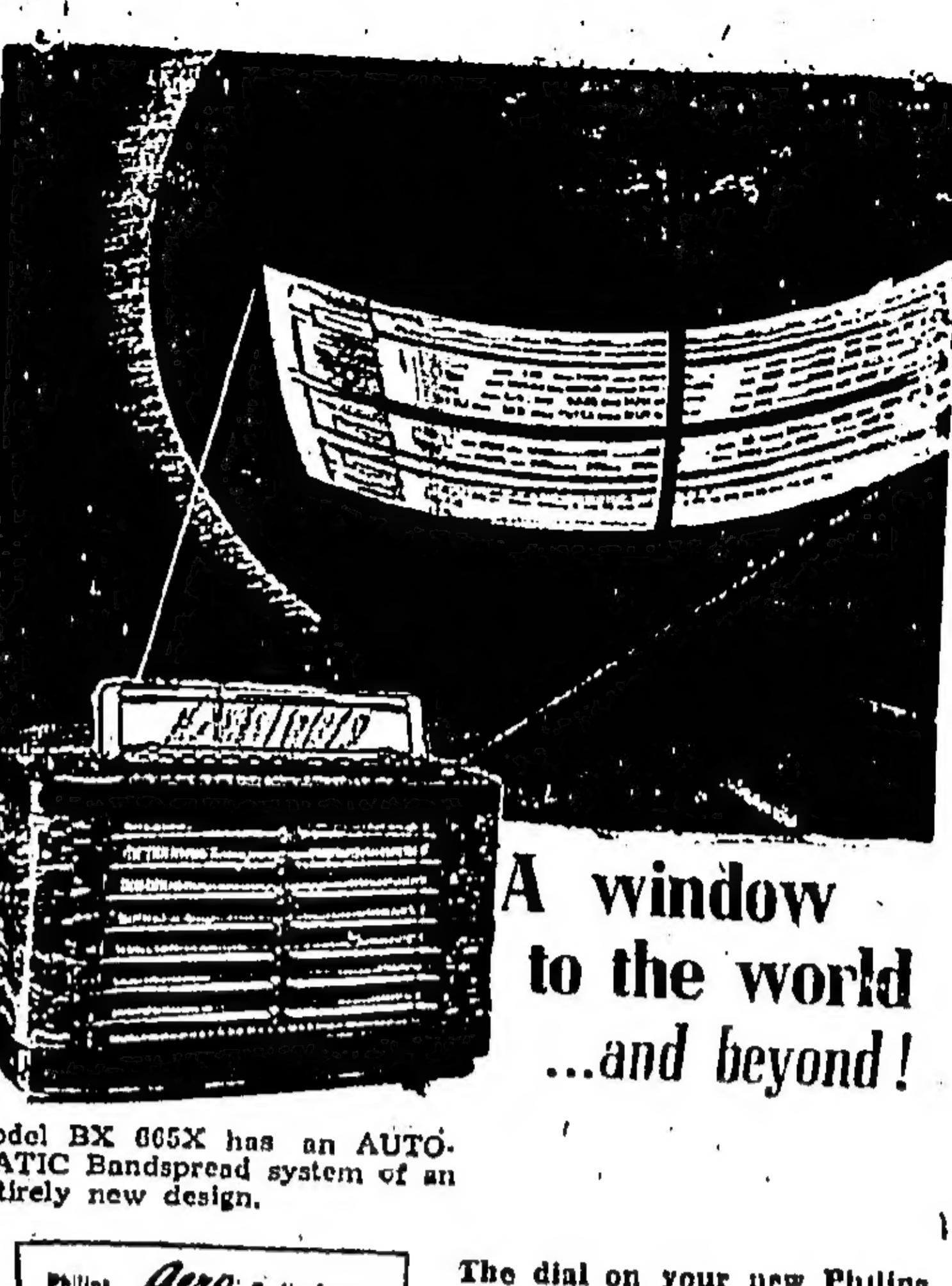
9.45 p.m.—Studio: A Short Story. By Douglas Green.

10.00 p.m.—London Reels: Radio News Room.

10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Services: "When the Gods Love".

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11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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URBAN COUNCIL NOTICE

1. It is hereby notified that sealed tenders, in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the erection of tents on the above Beaches" will be received by the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Friday, the 20th February, 1948.

2. Tenders are invited for monthly rentals for the right to occupy certain areas on the following beaches and to erect tents thereon for hire to the public by the hour or by the day for the period 15th April, 1948, to 14th November, 1948:

Beach	Approximate area of sites	Approximate No. of Tents
Repulse Bay (Main Beach)	Site A—13,000 sq. ft.	50
	Site B—10,000 sq. ft.	40
Stanley (Main Beach, Tytan Bay)	Site A—7,000 sq. ft.	30
	Site B—5,000 sq. ft.	20
Island Bay (Shek O)	Whole Beach	75
Big Wave Bay	Whole Beach	50

Plans of the above beaches, showing these sites, may be seen in the office of the Secretary, Urban Council.

3. Tents must be of an approved type, dimensions not less than 7 feet long, 7 feet wide, 7 feet high, with an awning in front at least 5 feet long.

4. Each tent to be provided with table, two deck chairs, grass mat and fresh water (if available) at no extra cost.

5. The following maximum charges to be paid by the public will be allowed for the hire of tents:

Repulse Bay	Island Bay and Stanley	and Big Wave Bay
For a period not exceeding two hours	\$2.00	\$3.00
Exceeding 2 hrs, but not exceeding 3 hrs.	3.00	4.00
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" 5 " " "	7.00	8.00

6. The tender price should include the provision of a tent for the permanent use of the Government Beach Overseer and/or Inspector.

7. No tender will be considered, unless the person tendering attaches thereto a receipt to the effect that he has deposited with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$250.00 as a pledge of the bona fides of his tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Government if such person fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

8. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract containing conditions to be prescribed by the Urban Council, and also to deposit with the Treasury a sum equivalent to one month's rent as security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

9. For full particulars and form of tender apply at the office of the Secretary, Urban Council, Post Office Building, top floor.

10. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

11. During the period of the contract no other person will be allowed to erect tents on any of the above beaches.

R. W. H. MAYNARD,
Secretary, Urban Council.

30th January, 1948.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 9th day of February, 1948 at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in ac. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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V. KENNIFER,
Director of Public Works.

Date: 30th January, 1948.

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POLICE FORCE

In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, it is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has given permission for fireworks, not being unlawful fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off within the portions of the Colony enumerated in Part I of the following Table within the respective times set opposite such portions in such Part I, subject nevertheless to the exceptions, prohibitions and restrictions set out in Part II, of the said Table.

PART I.

TABLE

Portion of the Colony.
(Subject nevertheless to the exceptions and prohibitions and restrictions set forth in Part II of this Table.)

Permitted Times.

In the Island of Hong Kong:—
(1) All the area within and bounded by Pedder Street to Connaught Road Central to Murray Road to Queen's Road Central, and back to Pedder Street.

(1), (2) and (3) from 11 p.m. on Monday the 10th February, 1948 to 1 a.m. on Tuesday the 10th February, 1948.

(2) All that area within and bounded by a line from the entrance to the Royal Naval Hospital in Queen's Road East to Kennedy Road, along Kennedy Road to a line running immediately behind and parallel to Hing Wan Street, thence along this line to Stone Nullah Lane, down Stone Nullah Lane to Queen's Road East, along Queen's Road East to Tai Yuen Street by Tai Yuen Street, and O'Brien Road to Gloucester Road, along Gloucester Road to Stewart Road, and thence by Stewart Road and Heard Street to the boundary of the Public Works Department Store.

Also from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday the 10th February, 1948.

(3) All the area within and bounded by Leighton Hill Road, to Caroline Road, to Shaukiwan Road, along Eastern Hospital Road, to Tai Hang Road, along Tai Hang Road to Stubbs Road, to Morrison Gap Road, to Morrison Hill Road, and back to Leighton Hill Road.

Also from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Monday the 16th February, 1948.

(4) All the area within and bounded by Nathan Road from Austin Road to Boundary Street thence Boundary Street to the Railway Line, thence the Railway Line to the Northern end of Kowloon Tong, thence Cornwall Road to Waterloo Road to Boundary Street, thence Boundary Street to Prince Edward Road, thence Prince Edward Road to Argyle Street, thence Argyle Street to Waterloo Road, thence Waterloo Road to No. 4 Railway Bridge, thence the Railway Line to Chatham Road, thence Chatham Road to Austin Road.

The whole of Jordan Road is included within the boundary.

(5) All that portion of the Kowloon Peninsula south of Austin Road.

(4) The same times as for areas (1), (2) and (3) above.

(6) The area within (and including) the following boundary:—

(5) The same times as for areas (1), (2) and (3) above.

(6) From 4 p.m. on Monday the 9th February, 1948 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday the 11th February, 1948. From 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Monday the 10th February, 1948.

PART II.

EXCEPTIONS, PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

No firework shall be discharged within the following area:—

All that area within and bounded by a line along the whole of Ko Shing Street to its western end or junction with Des Voeux Road West, thence along Des Voeux Road West to its junction with Centre Street, thence along Centre Street to its junction with Bonham Road, thence along and including Bonham Road to a point found by producing the eastern boundary of Pond Lane, thence to and along and including Pond Lane, thence along and including Hollywood Road to its junction with Queen's Road West, thence along Queen's Road West to its junction with Queen's Street, thence along Queen's Street to its junction with Ko Shing Street, the point of commencement. The course of the said line is such that boundary streets and roads not specifically included in the area lie outside it.

No burning firework or other fire shall be thrown above the head, or near any person or inflammable material, and every reasonable precaution must be taken against accident.

The kindling, discharge or letting off of fireworks in or in the vicinity of hospitals, or of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service is prohibited.

The firing of Bombs, "Electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is strictly prohibited.

With reference to the permission hereby notified attention is drawn to the rule set forth in Government Notification No. 79 published in the Government Gazette dated 10th February, 1938. "No person shall make, sell, or have in his possession any firework which exploded on impact, or which contains any explosive ingredient or mixture other than black gunpowder, charcoal, sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium and potassium perchlorate, or which has in any single container thereof more than 10 grains of any explosive mixture in which potassium perchlorate is an ingredient".

Occupiers of premises are warned as to their liability under the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932, in particular in respect of any unlawful firing or throwing of fireworks at, on or from their premises.

The Police have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing fireworks in contravention of the foregoing permission and rule.

-W. LA B. SPARROW,
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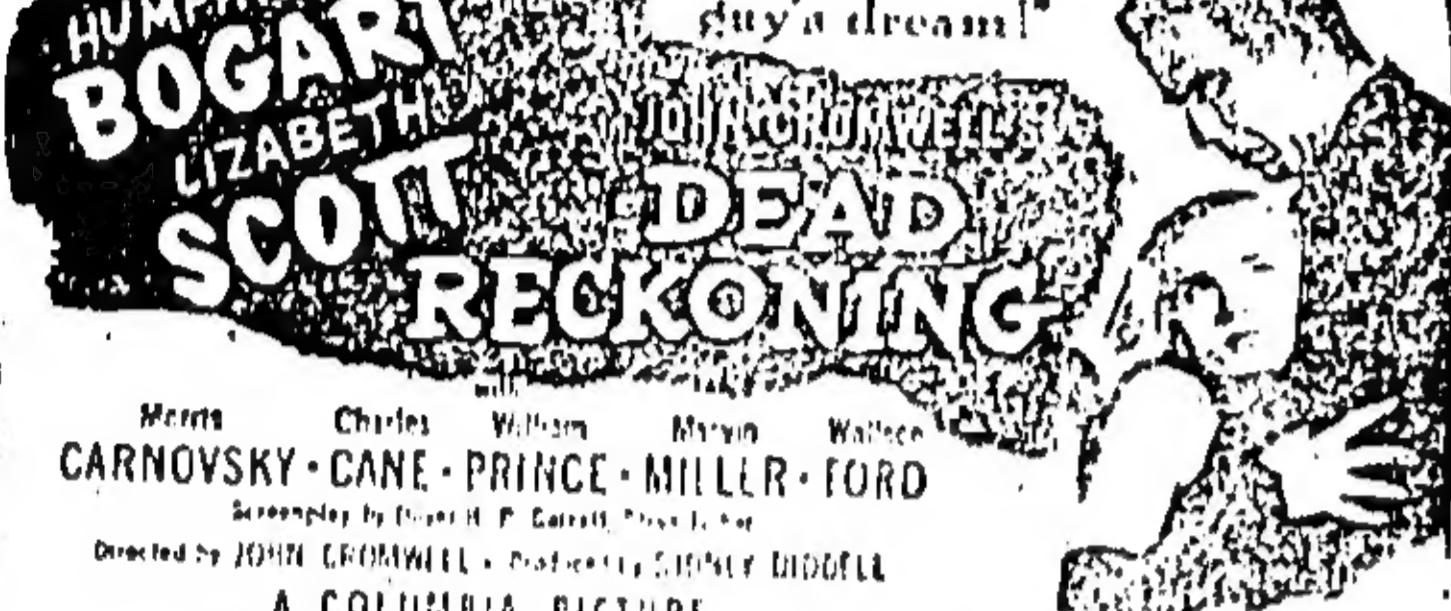
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"COLONIALISM IS DEAD" Queen Wilhelmina On New Indonesia "Memorable Goal" Reached

The Hague, Feb. 3.
"Colonialism is dead," said Queen Wilhelmina, broadcasting tonight to Holland's wartime allies about the new Indonesia and its place in the Dutch Commonwealth.

"The peoples of our Commonwealth have reached a memorable goal. A free Federated Indonesia is about to take its place among the democratic nations of the world."

Queen Wilhelmina said a partnership of the United States of Indonesia, forming a union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Surinam and the Antilles, was rapidly taking shape.

She added that common man was still far from being free from fear and want in those parts of Indonesia "where terrorists are still committing manslaughter, pillage and arson. The powers of anarchy and disorder will be overcome because the Indonesian peoples are determined to take up the responsibilities and obligations of democratic self-government." It may well be that the solution being reached in Indonesia will set the pattern for solutions in wider parts of Asia.

Blessed with many riches of the earth, the United States of Indonesia can take a great share in the common fight against famine and need."

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Queen Wilhelmina declared: "Seven years ago, when Holland was under Nazi oppression, I announced to my countrymen the intention to establish a new relationship between the Netherlands and the other parts of our Commonwealth.

"Colonialism is dead. We do not disown our past and the proud achievements of bygone days. But a nation must be strong enough to make a new beginning. We shall be strong enough.

"What the peoples of the world need now is a new way of living together in a close partnership based on equality and mutual trust."

The broadcast was made from the Queen's bedroom in Amsterdam Palace, to which she is confined because of a slight cold.—Reuters.

NEHRU ASKED TO RESIGN

New Delhi, Feb. 3.
Socialist Party leaders have called for the resignation of India's Cabinet in atonement for the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

Jaya Prakash Narayan told a news conference Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru should quit and the government should be reconstituted to rid it of "all communal-minded ministers."—Associated Press.

SOVIET WASTE

Moscow, Feb. 3.
The Budget Committees of Supreme Soviet (Parliament) today sharply criticized inefficiency in the Soviet Government and industry, charging that costs were far above planned levels while housing construction lagged behind.

Financial experts in the Lower House focussed their attack

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industry and excessive costs of local Government, which they said "wasting millions of rubles."—United Press.

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TEST-TUBE BABIES

Sydney, Feb. 4.
Seven test-tube babies, Australia's first, will be born in Sydney by April, gynaecologists at the Crown Street Fertility Clinic have announced.

A spokesman for the Australian Roman Catholic Church said the church opposes artificial insemination, regarding it as immoral.—United Press.

Holidays Abroad For Britons

London, Feb. 4.
British tourists will again be able to holiday in Switzerland from May 1 as a result of the "satisfactory arrangements on the balance of payments," the Treasury announced tonight.

Holiday traffic will be regulated according to the balance of payments.

After discussions between a Swiss delegation and the Board of Trade, an agreement was reached on measures to govern payments for the year ending Feb. 28, 1949, within the framework of the Anglo-Swiss monetary agreement of 1946, the statement said.

Agreement was also reached on a revised programme of trade for 1949.

During the year 1947 to 1948, the sterling area was in deficit with Switzerland, but it has now been agreed that for the year 1948 to 1949, payments should be brought into balance so that further losses of gold by the United Kingdom should be avoided, the Treasury added.

To make this readjustment possible Switzerland will increase its imports from the sterling area and the Swiss authorities are prepared to authorise the importation of all classes of goods of sterling area origin.

The Swiss would, however, control the volume of exports to the sterling area in such a way as to keep it between the limits necessary to maintain the balance of payments.

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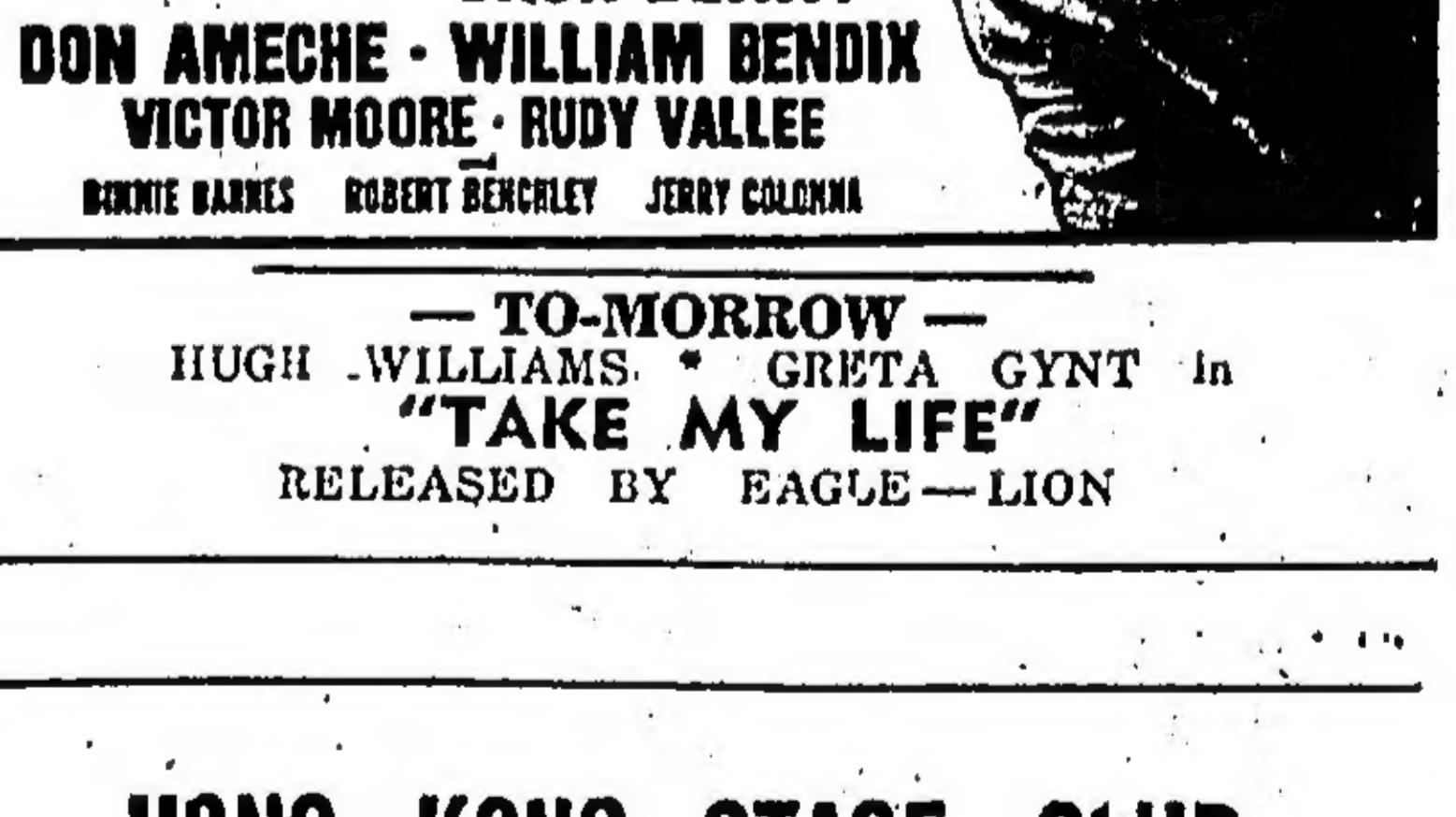
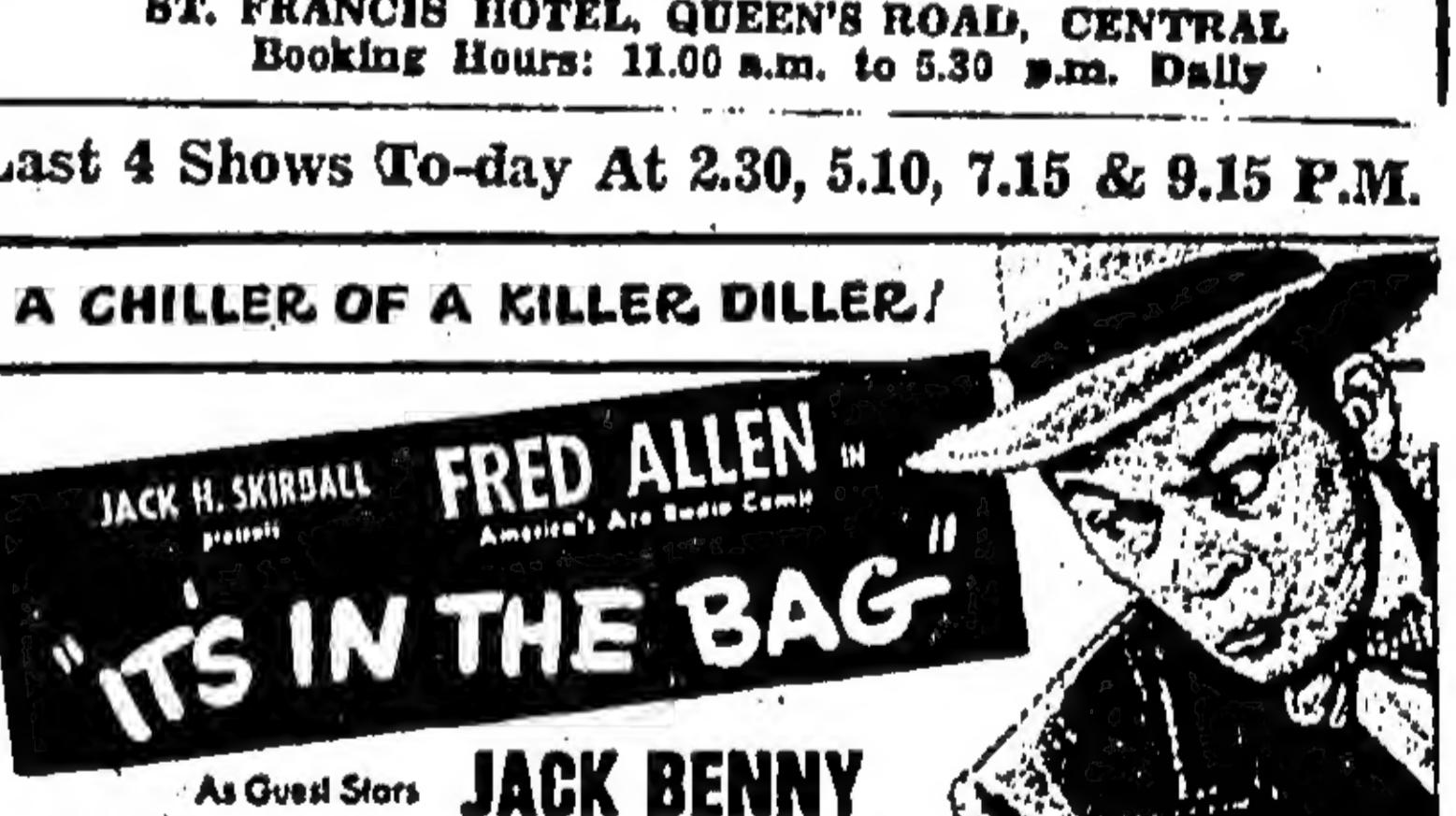
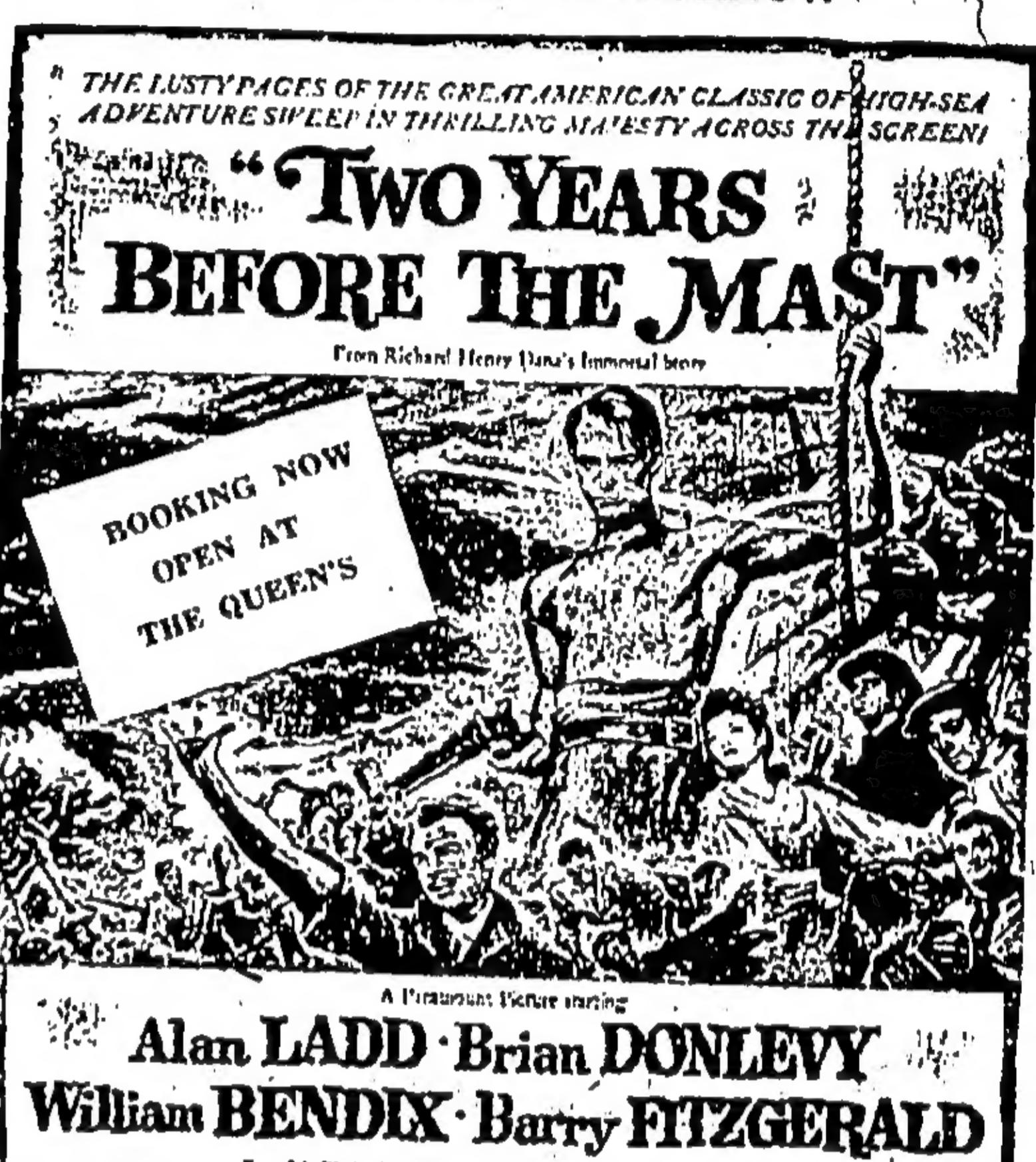
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TRAFFIC CODE
CRITICISM

In questioning the arbitrary powers conceded to the Commissioner of Police under Regulation 12 of the Traffic Ordinance, to suspend a driver's licence or to take a public vehicle off the road, Mr. E. H. Losby, at the Kowloon Magistracy, on Tuesday, touched upon a very sore point. It is, in fact, an extraordinary process of authoritarian thinking which does away entirely with the usual agencies of law enforcement in this Colony, and permits the Commissioner of Police to award a licence whether or not the offender has been convicted in a Magistrate's court.

No question arises of attacking the wisdom or discretion of the Commissioner of Police. One assumes that, like Caesar's wife, he is high above suspicion. In fact, however, these remarkable new powers are not for need wide northerly the province of the Commissioner, but must inevitably be delegated to a junior subordinate on whose reports the Commissioner must rely.

The obvious dangers need hardly be stressed. There are more than enough temptations to squeeze and corruption in the Colony without adding to them the possibility of exploitation of a power or licence suspension which can circumvent the check provided by ministerial proceedings, and thereby the simple necessity of proving a case.

Mr. Losby's protest was based upon the fact, primarily, that seven taxis belonging to his clients had been ordered off the roads, although in some cases neither the drivers nor the owners had been prosecuted in the courts, but had simply been the recipients of warning notices, the tide apparently being that three warnings entitle the police to take direct action.

Clearly, there is something highly dubious about the grant of wide powers of this description. Either one or two or all three of the offences are sufficiently serious to call for more than a warning, or the cumulative effect of three trifling offences must remain insufficient to justify the extremely drastic step of suspending a man's licence, or, what is far more serious from a taxi-operator's viewpoint, the idling of a vehicle for three months, which must involve serious loss.

For the principle of keeping

public vehicles from becoming a menace or a public nuisance, there will be every support. But there are ways and ways of enforcing conformity with traffic regulations, and this particular method is one which fails to measure up to ordinary standards of justice.

Decisions which affect a man's livelihood should be left to magistrates, who are privileged to hear both sides of a case. We have pointed to the risk that goes with the present system: there should be no risk at all, either of a miscarriage of justice, or of "persecution."

VARSITY GETS
A REPRIEVE

Shanghai, Feb. 4.—Just before his return to Nanking last night, Dr. Hau Li-wu, Vice-Minister of Education, announced his ministry had cancelled the previous decision to disolve the National Tudz Chi University for last Thursday's plotting and assault on Mayor K. C. Wu.

In a statement, Dr. Hau said the reversal decision followed indications that the students were eager to return to classes. He also promised to extend the investigations to all the colleges whose students had aided and abetted in the plotting. Reiter-

LET US REALLY FACE THE FUTURE

By Frank Owen

The stock of the Labour Party is rising. Since their heavy defeat at the November municipal polls the Socialists have made a real recovery. Gravesend marked the turn of the tide.

Rising output of coal and new record in steel production were a welcome Christmas present to a harassed nation.

The people cheered the miners—and yesterday a chap said to me: "Perhaps even old Shilowell wasn't as black as he painted himself."

Although the Labour Party propagandists like to pretend that Tories and Liberals would rather see Britain ruined than Socialism succeed, we all hope that things will continue to mend.

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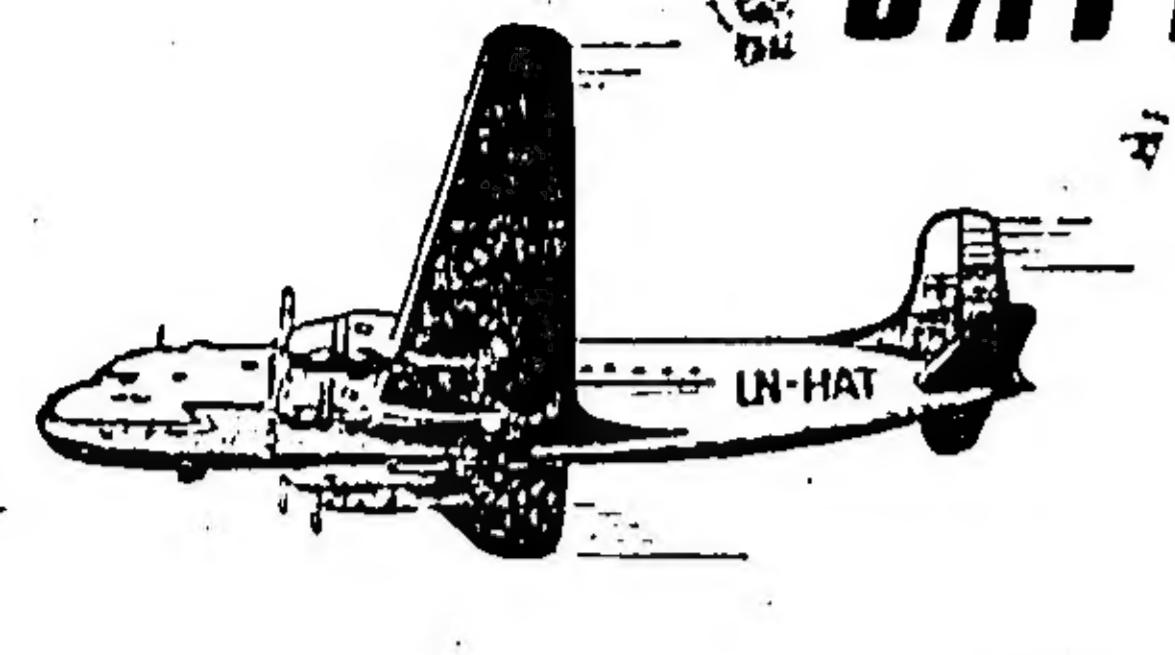
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CEYLON GETS INDEPENDENCE

Colombo Prepares For Celebrations

Britain's Newest Dominion

Colombo, Feb. 4. Ceylon becomes an independent partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations at midnight tonight.

Celebrations throughout the newest Dominion tomorrow will mark the coming of independence after 315 years of Portuguese, Dutch and British rule.

The Singhalese flag, lowered 122 years ago when the island nation voluntarily accepted British rule, will be hoisted to fly side by side with the British Union Jack.

A gun salute will herald the island's freedom at 0730 tomorrow, when Sir Henry Moore will take the oath as Governor-General. Religious ceremonies will mark the occasion.

A harbour festival including fireworks displays and native dances is scheduled for tomorrow night.

The island is the second British possession to be given self-government in the Commonwealth in three days. Self rule for the Malayan Federation was proclaimed on Sunday.

The Duke of Gloucester, acting on behalf of his brother, King George VI, will open the first session of the new dominion's Parliament on February 10.—Associated Press.

Teams of workmen are everywhere rigging up scaffolding, fixing floodlights or brightening buildings with coloured paper and balloons. Lion flags—replicas of the last flag of Kandy King—are prominent everywhere.

The bells of Lanka, breathless with anticipation, are busy ringing in commencing through their war-domes.

Although the crescendo of the celebrations will be reached only on February 10, when the Duke of Gloucester opens Parliament, a long series of social gatherings, fetes and carnivals will keep the Islanders looking their best.

A special carnival in honour of independent Lanka's beauty queen, 1948, claims the particular attention of the women, many of whom have returned from India with ravishing saris after shopping trips.

Truce Talks In N.E.I.

BATAVIA, FEB. 4. DR. HUBERTUS VAN MOOK, DUTCH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, TODAY MET DR. MOHAMED HATTA, INDONESIAN REPUBLICAN PREMIER AND VICE-PRESIDENT, FOR PRIVATE TALKS AIMED AT THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND THE REPUBLICANS.

Meanwhile, a nine-man British Army mission, led by Colonel R. B. Lambe, arrived here by air from Singapore to assist the United Nations Security Council good offices commission in supervising observance of the truce between the Republicans and the Dutch. The mission included two Lieutenant Colonels and six majors.

Australia, the United States and Belgium will soon increase the number of military assistants attached to the good offices committee.

Mohammed Roem, former Republican Minister of the Interior, will head the Republican delegation to negotiate a political settlement with the Dutch, it was officially announced in Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, today.—Reuter.

Deportation Set Aside

Washington, Feb. 4. The Supreme Court has set aside an order to deport Fong Haw Tan, a native of China, convicted of murder in the slaying of two Chinese in Fresno, California. Justice Douglas delivered the unanimous decision.

Tan was sentenced on July 21, 1925, to life imprisonment for the killing of Lai Quan and Ong Kin. Later, he was paroled and ordered deported on the ground he had been sentenced more than once for a crime involving moral turpitude.

Tan contended his life sentence could not be considered as two sentences. The U.S. Circuit Court in San Francisco ruled that conviction for any two offenses was sufficient, regardless of the form of the sentence. Tan successfully appealed from this ruling.—Associated Press.

ALARM IN FOOCHEW

Foochow, Feb. 4. The city authorities today started the construction of pillboxes at strategic points within the city limits as well as on the outskirts, following reported increased activities by "bandits" who were believed to be affiliated with the Communists.—United Press.

Maritime Conference

Lake Success, Feb. 3. A British motion to give voting rights to non-members of the United Nations at the forthcoming International Maritime Conference was carried by the majority of one in the United Nations Economic and Social Council today.

The following non-members were invited to the conference, called to regulate world shipping: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Eire, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland and Transjordan.

The British delegation asked that these countries be given the right not only to participate in the conference but also to vote.

After a brisk interchange of opinions, the non-members were finally granted the voting right by nine votes to eight, Chile abstaining.—Reuter.

Bulgaria Blames America

Sofia, Feb. 4. Bulgaria's Communist Premier charged America today with trying to incite a new war.

Georgi Dimitrov, trusted friend of Gen. Joseph Stalin and former Secretary-General of the Comintern, declared also that the United States was trying to dominate the world through the Marshall Plan.

In a speech to Bulgaria's Communist-dominated Political coalition, the Fatherland Front, Dimitrov said American imperialistic policy had found obedient servants in Leon Blum, French Socialist leader, and Dr. Kurt Schumacher, German Socialist Democrat.

He termed Blum and Schumacher as "false socialists who want to mislead the working people."

He urged that the Fatherland Front be reorganized so that in effect this former Nazi ally may become a one-party state. Since the Bulgarian Govern-

HITLER TO BE TRIED!

Berlin, Feb. 3. Hitler and his wife, Eva Braun, are soon to be tried "in absentia" before a Munich denazification tribunal, it was disclosed here tonight.

Though they were reported to have committed suicide in the air raid bunker of the Reich's Chancellery on April 29, 1945, their bodies have not been found.

Delayed action proceedings are being taken to clarify the position of their estates, according to an American Military Government legal expert.

If the charges against them are upheld, then the tribunal can order all their property to be handed over to the State to be used as reparations.

Several other top-ranking war criminals will appear on the same charge sheet, including Hermann Goering, the Luftwaffe chief who committed suicide shortly before he was due to be executed, and others who were hanged at Nuremberg or sentenced to prison sentences.—Reuter.

Britons Rush For Holidays

London, Feb. 3. The lifting of the ban on tourist traffic to Switzerland by the Government from May 1 resulted today in a rush on travel agencies by Britons anxious to make provisional bookings for their continental summer holidays.

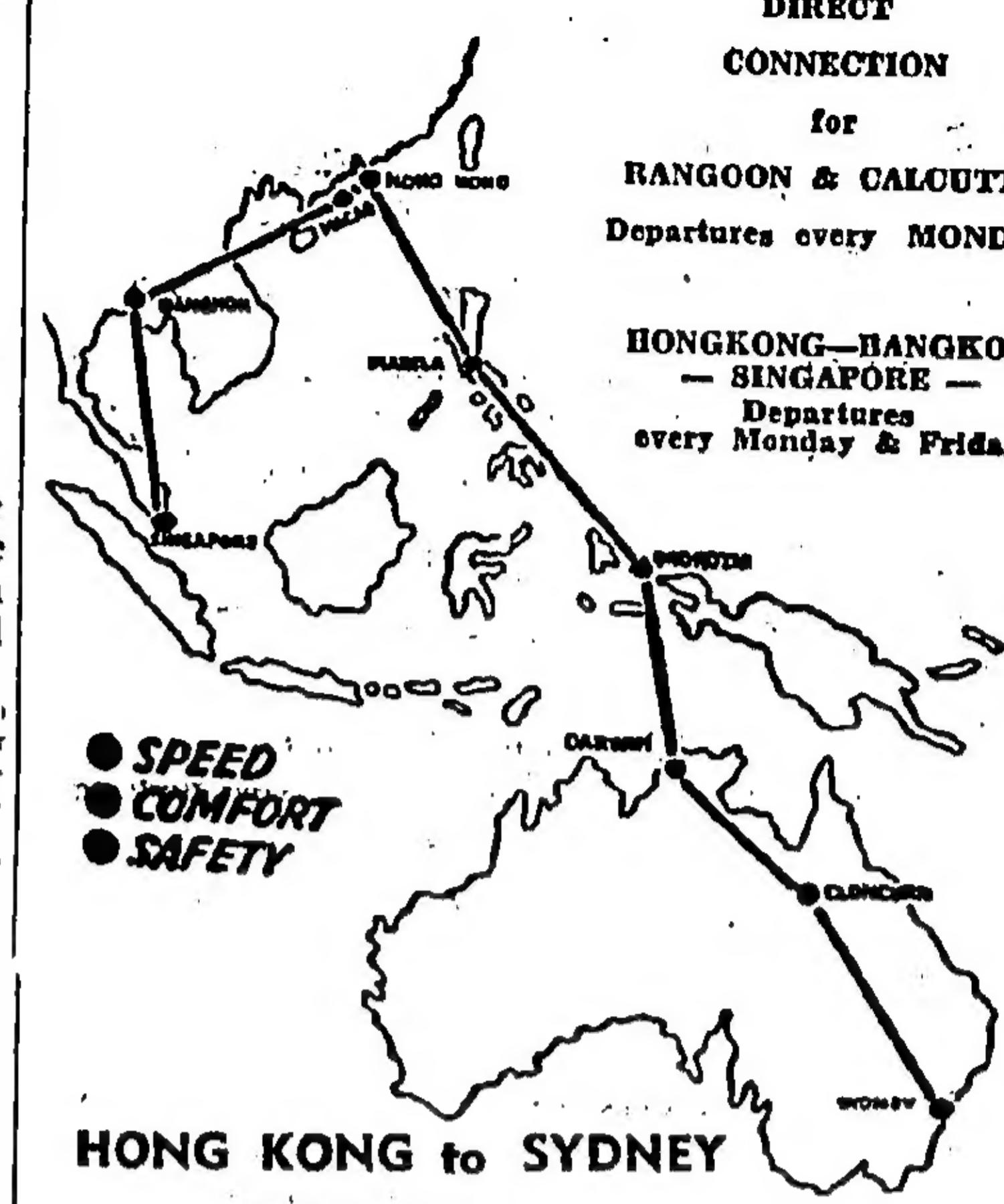
But Switzerland is not the only attraction. Large numbers of people are also making provisional arrangements for trips to France, Italy, Belgium and Holland, apparently disregarding the fact that travel to these countries is still banned and the Treasury's warning that they should await further announcements to be made on March 1.

One leading travel agency's official told Reuter: "We have plans laid out for holiday to every country in Europe. They can be put into operation the moment the ban is lifted." "We already have thousands of provisional bookings with Switzerland well in the lead. If the ban is lifted it will be a bumper continental holiday season."—Reuter.

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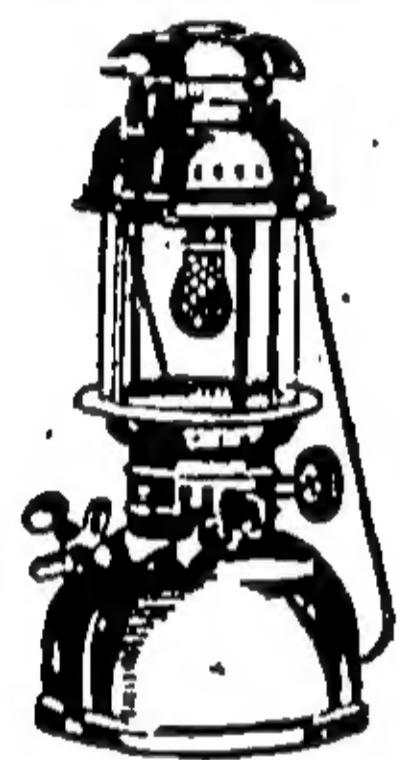
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**ENGINEERING PAGE****DINING BY CONVEYOR BELT**

A conveyor-belt cafeteria which moves dinners from soup to sweet in twenty minutes has been designed and patented by a British engineer and a group of multiple stores are planning to install them.

Diners sitting at a plastic counter on wide air cushioned seats are moved at five feet per minute. After five minutes when soup or hors d'oeuvre is finished the seat is moved to the point where the main course is served and ten minutes later to the sweet and coffee section. Twenty minutes has been fixed as the average time to eat a three course meal with an allowance for people to eat slowly.

Underneath each seat on a belt is a compartment for hats, coats and parcels.

The conveyor-belt cafeteria was designed to eliminate queuing delays and to save time and space. It can serve as many people in an hour as the ordinary cafeteria and in less than half the space.

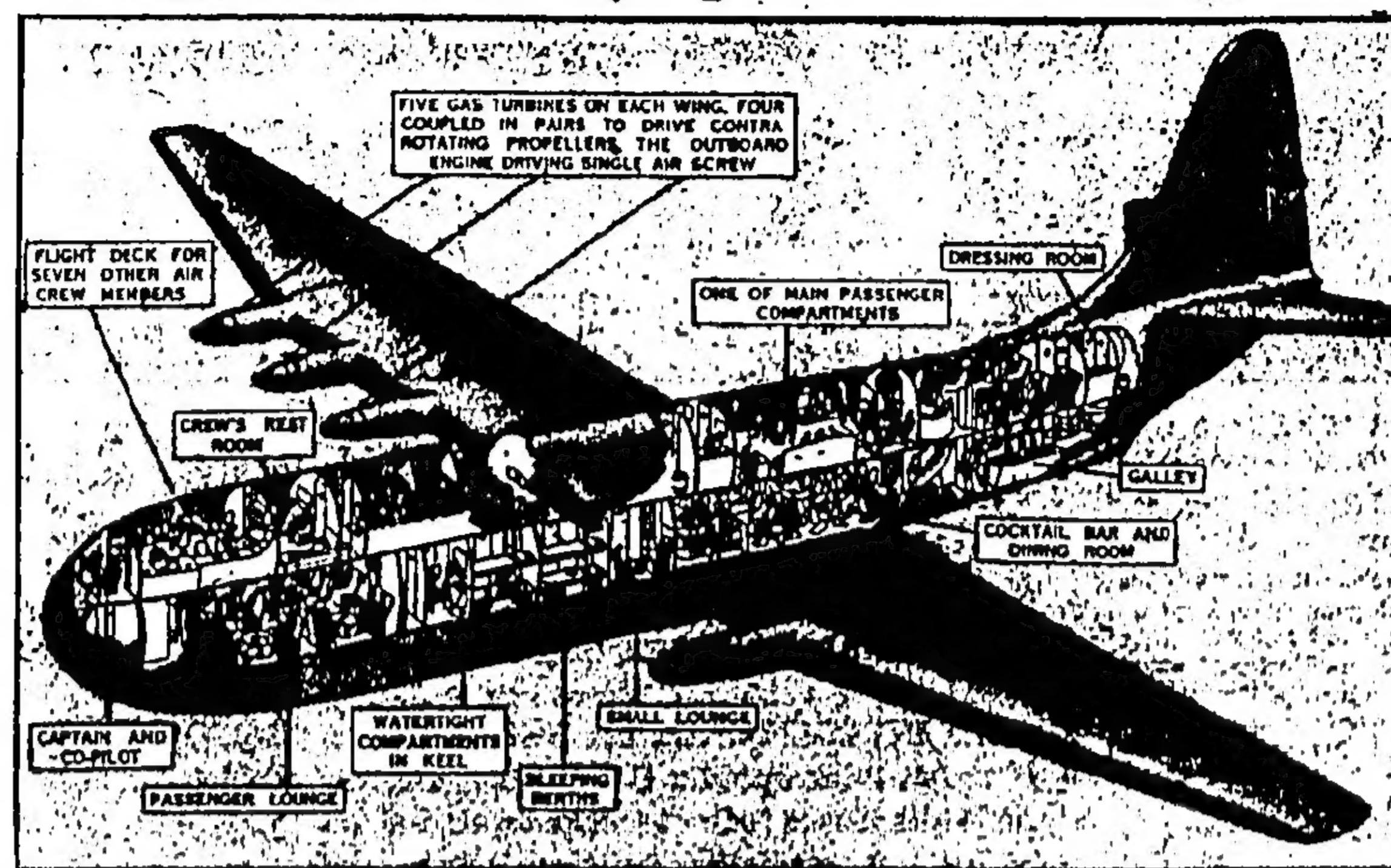
Automatic washing machines and another conveyor which brings the food from the kitchens are included.

Orders have been received from other countries for conveyor-belt cafeterias but the manufacturers hope they will be used in Britain first. The Board of Trade has granted licences for production.

During the first six months of 1947, Vauxhall Motors Ltd. produced 30,654 vehicles—15,724 cars and 15,280 trucks—compared with the 21,249 vehicles produced during the first half of 1946.

The idea of recording sound by magnetism on steel wire instead of the conventional way of disc-cutting, although recently became a practical reality, is not new. The principle was advanced by a Danish scientist half a century ago. Recently thanks to the Allied Arm Forces which sought a recording means during the war, capable of recording without interruption for long periods and yet simple and compact enough to be incorporated into a portable carrying case to withstand the rigors of field service, gave necessary impetus for developing the principle of magnetic recording into a practical medium of sound recording.

The Wire-Recorder which is being produced commercially today is so simple and compact that it only slightly bigger than a portable typewriter and yet it contains all the mechanism for both recording and playback. On top of this superiority, the same piece of wire is capable of being used over and over again, as old recordings in the wire can be wiped off by re-running the wire through the machine as simply cleaning a slate.

Double-Decked Flying In Britain's Biggest**RECORDING WITH WIRE**
By Arnold Hall

Magnetic recording does not confine itself to the use of wire alone. Another type is the one which employs a coated plastic tape wound on a mm reel of 7 in. diameter, giving a recording time of 30 minutes with a slightly higher frequency response of 5,000 cycles.

The application of the Magnetic Wire-Recorder for different purposes other than the field of music, (voice training and instrument practicing) which offers the musician for the first time the rare opportunity of listening and criticising his own work is the scope of business administration. The Wire-Recorder can be used as a dictaphone and if preferred, used in conjunction with a pair of earphones for confidential matters. During directors' meetings or other important gatherings, the Recorder will displace the work of an efficient stenotypist in minute-taking. In the field of advertising, it offers an excellent medium for training salesmanship. In the professional field, it is an excellent medium for a lawyer to make exact recordings of interviews, and testimonies. It will likewise serve a doctor well for keeping record of case histories and a psychiatrist for recording the rambling but revealing chatter of a patient under treatment. For the journalist, it is the culmination of a few generations of the journalist dream for an economical machine with practically no operation overhead to duplicate the tedious work of taking notes during interviews or covering important functions. Even for the professional writer, the machine is infinitely superior to the typewriter or the employment of a secretary, since the machine is there where they want it and when they want it.

First Discovery

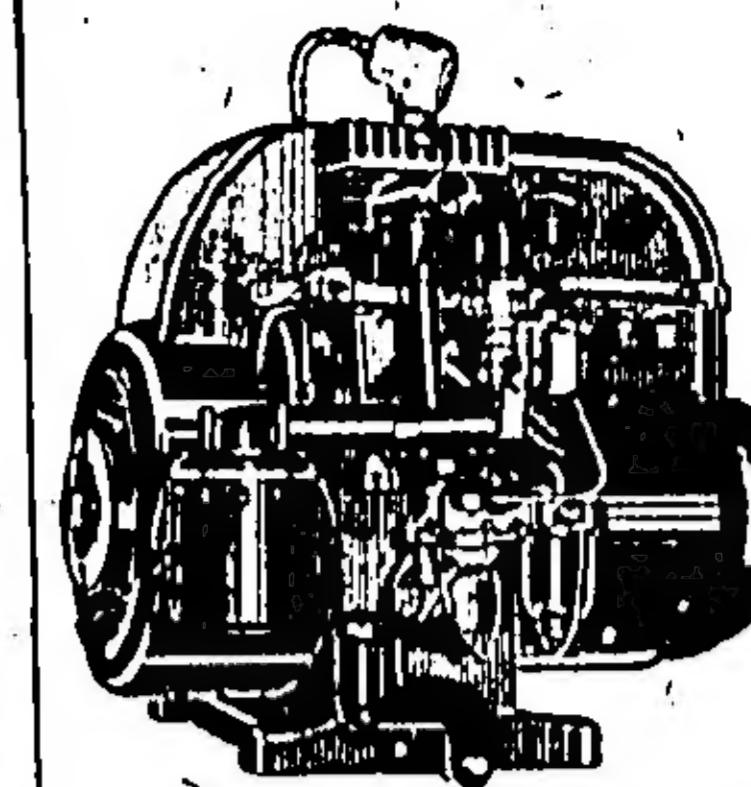
Vladimir Poulsen, a Danish scientist, was first credited with the discovery of the principle of magnetic wire-recording in 1898. His first recording machine was exhibited at the Paris Exposition in 1900, which created considerable interest among scientists and laymen. His Telegraphone though sound in theory was nevertheless poor in sound reproduction and even compared unfavourable to the then far, from perfect acoustic phonograph.

With the introduction of the vacuum tube and electronic amplification in the early twenties, interest in the possibility of high magnetic recording was again revived. At first research was confined to Germany. A scientist named Pfelemer developed in 1928, a method whereby paper or plastic tape could be given a metallic coating sensitive enough for recording purposes. Thus for the first time, sound recording other than the use of disc was finally proven to be practical.

The principle of the magnetic wire-recorder is actually quite simple. The Microphone picks up sound and transforms it into an electric current of varying intensity. This current when passes through a Magnetic Head sets up a magnetic field. The magnetism is thus transferred to a wire which runs through the field at a constant rate of velocity. Upon playback, the magnetized wire in turn sets up a varying electric current which an amplifier and loudspeaker transform into sound. The quality of the reproduction of sound depends mainly on the speed at which the wire runs through the Magnetic Head. The faster the speed, the higher the fidelity and the finer the sound reproduction.

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Labour's Support Of Scheme

Washington, Feb. 3. In a statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State said any move by Congress to cut America's contribution for the first 15 months of the Marshall Plan below \$6,800 million would "jeopardise the success of the programme."

While Mr. Marshall defended his programme on the flank, a new attack broke out on another, with demonstrators carrying banners inscribed "The Marshall Plan Means Seamen Starve" and "Stop Ship Transfers" parading in front of the State Department.

The demonstration was organised by the National Maritime Union, who are opposed to the proposal that

300 American merchantmen be either sold or transferred to Europe.

In a statement filed with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of the Marshall Plan, Mr. Philip Murray, President of the Congress of Industrial Organisations, one of America's biggest trade unions bodies, has declared that a deep cut in the cost of the plan would be "well nigh criminal."

He said that a cut of a much a \$1,000 million in the \$6,800 million starting cost of the Marshall Plan would make it "merely a relief programme and nothing more."

Mr. Murray said that furthermore the European recovery programme should run at least until the middle of 1942, as requested by President Truman.

Four Year Minimum

Mr. Murray's statement, which was presented by Mr. James Carey, the CIO Secretary, said: "No practical man or group could hope to bring about the needed rehabilitation in fewer than four years at the very minimum."

The statement supported the previous testimony from the American Federation of Labour maritime leaders with the view that "the CIO firmly opposes any further transfer of vessels from the United States flag to foreign registry and endorses the carriage of relief goods in American bottoms."—Reuter.

Washington, Feb. 3. General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, had assumed the divinity renounced by the Japanese Emperor, Brigadier R. H. Quilliam, chief New Zealand prosecutor at the Japanese war trials in Tokyo, declared today.

In a speech to the Rotary Club on his return from the trials, Brig. Quilliam said: "The Emperor has renounced his divinity. It has been taken by General MacArthur."

"He has surrounded himself with a staff which I think is most incompetent for the job they are doing."

"They might be excellent soldiers, but as civil administrators they are helpless."

They comprised the most rigid example of officialement he had had the misfortune to deal with, he said.—Reuter.

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Washington, Feb. 3. Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley feels an International war within a short time is most unlikely. Speaking at Bathurst, Mr. Chifley said, "The experts will take some convincing that war is probable in the near future." He added that Australia's atomic research programme is a safeguard measure, aimed at developing resources to the maximum.—Associated Press.

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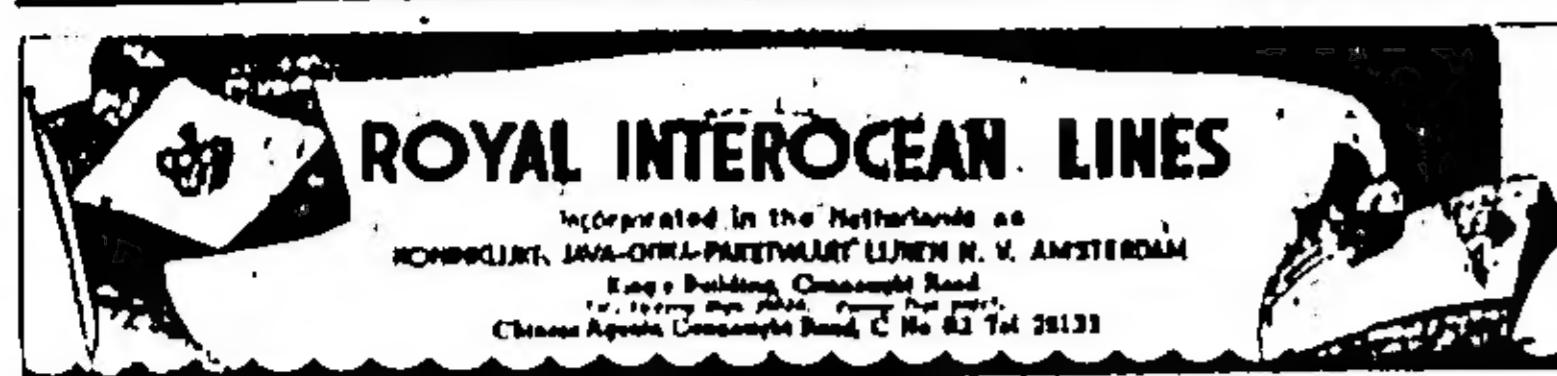
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31,16 bid, Middlefield Spot 34,20.—

Associated Press.

Frankfurt, Feb. 3.

The negotiations between the British, American

and French authorities on the future structure

of the projected West Germany Federal Bank

are regarded by responsible German politi-

cians here as the chief reason for the delay in

the proclamation of the "Frankfurt Charter."

The revised bizonal charter resulting from

the economic decisions made at Frankfurt earlier

in January was confidently expected to be

proclaimed by the Americans and the British

at the beginning of this week.

The bank, it was thought, was to be the French Zone with the

bound to play a vital role in any West German currency re-

form if four-power negotiations

for a new united German currency failed.

For this reason, the British and Americans, while willing to go

ahead with bizonal administrative reorganization without

waiting for the French, were believed

to be anxious for French Zone participation in the Federal

Bank to avoid the monetary fragmentation of Western Germany.

The general scheme for the development of trizonal cooperation

is to be discussed at the London three-power conference in a

fortnight's time was believed to be not to hasten a full merger

between the two zones.

Plasterers also appreciated, touching \$11.00 a 100 after opening at \$10.90.

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"PAKHOP"	Java, Singapore 6th Feb.
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Lady Wolmer (Wheeldock) from Sandakan,
Y.M.T.

New Zealand Victory (Jardine) from
Shanghai, (Ord.) 9th Feb.

Ovalt (B. & S.) from Miri, N. B.
Prupper (Everett) from Swatow, China

Taiwan (B. & S.) from Swatow, China, Wharf.

Hai Chen (C.S.N.) from Tientsin and Wharf,
Feb. 10.

Longyear (B. & S.) from Swatow, Feb. 10.

Jackson Victory Manilla
New Zealand Victory Manilla

Arrivals Today

Gertude (Mack) (Jardine) from New York,
Feb. 11.

Pao Hui (B. & S.) from Pusan, Korea

Taylor (P. & O.) from Wharf, Feb. 11.

Telberg (J.C.P.L.) from Africa, Feb. 11.

Departures Yesterday

Christian Sase (M.M.) from Swatow, China,
Feb. 10.

Longyear (B. & S.) from Swatow, Feb. 10.

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Feb. 10.

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Vessels in Port

Andrea (Wheeldock) from Manilla, Feb. 10.

Alphonse (Wheeldock) from Manilla, Feb. 10.

Anastasius (Wheeldock) from Manilla, Feb. 10.

Antonios (Wheeldock) from Manilla, Feb. 10.

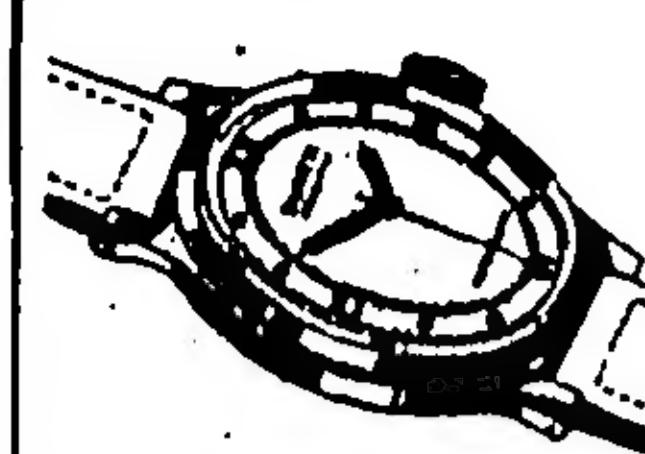
Augustus (Wheeldock) from Manilla, Feb. 10.

Calisto (T. & J.) from Manilla, Feb. 10.

Carrick Bend (Everett) from Manilla, Feb. 10.

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'Kwong Tung' Fire Enquiry

Telegram From Secretary Of State For Colonies Expresses Condolences

Main Deck Covered With Baggage

"In my opinion the potassium chlorate was concerned in the fire," said Mr. R. C. Terry, Government Analyst, at the official enquiry into the fire on the river steamer "Kwong Tung," which opened yesterday at the Harbour Office. Mr. Terry was giving expert evidence on his analysis of the substances found at the scene of the fire. He took three samples of white powder which he found on analysis to be potassium chlorate.

Assisting Mr. J. Jolly, President of the Court, were Lt. Commander J.B.P. Stirling (R.N.) and Captain W. Lumden (Master Mariner).

Mr. C. Y. Kwan held a watching brief for the charterers, the Yuen Cheong S.S. Company. Inspector Franklin was for the Police, and Mr. K. H. Lee, Secretary of the Yuen On Shipping Company, represented the owners.

Before proceedings began, the President read a telegram received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of States for the Colonies as follows: "I learn with great regret of the tragic accident resulting from the fire in the S.S. Kwong Tung. Please convey my sincere sympathy to the relatives of those killed and injured."

The Court then adjourned for half an hour in order to familiarize the members of the Court with the general lay-out of the vessel.

Capt. Trott

Resuming after the adjournment the first witness, Captain Charles Trott, Master of the S.S. Kwong Tung at the time of the fire, in answer to various questions from the Court, stated that the Kwong Tung arrived from Canton at 8.00 a.m. on the morning of the fire and was berthed on the East side of the Yau Quon wharf.

He arrived on his ship at 7.30 p.m. shortly after the fire, enquired of the Chief Officer what the commotion was and told that there was a fire in the aft tween-deck. The forward and aft large cargo port doors were opened. The middle door was never opened.

All the cargo port doors on the starboard side were always closed.

He had two gangways in position from the forward and after cargo port on the port side. There was an additional gangway leading to the saloon deck.

There was no cargo on board at the time of the fire and he produced the manifest to substantiate his statement.

"Goods on the main deck were passengers' luggage," he said.

The main deck was completely covered with baggage when he visited it at 7.30 p.m.

Powerless

"We are powerless to prevent passengers from operating their luggage on the main decks. It is not a proper procedure but the practice had been going on for many years," he said.

All the four ladders leading to the main deck were cleared when he visited that part of the ship.

Dead low water was at 6.40 p.m. and passengers could easily have jumped onto the wharf from the main deck.

The ship was to have sailed at 9.00 p.m. that night and in his opinion the cause of so many deaths was panic. The passengers could have easily gone up to the main deck.

At 7.30 p.m. there was still a certain amount of excitement, but he could not say whether the closed cargo port doors could be opened or not.

Asked by Inspector Franklin whether he noticed passengers throwing baggage on to the wharf, he replied "No."

He noticed firemen picking up bodies and some were rendering first aid. He agreed that the Police did excellent work.

William John Andrews, Chief Officer, said he was on board at the outbreak of the fire which was about 6.45 p.m.

Cry Of 'Fire!'

He immediately came out of his cabin when he heard a cry of "Fire" from the lower deck and immediately connected up the fire hose, which was located on the boat deck, and passed it to the engine room.

Preached, Didn't Practice

London, Feb. 3.—After writing a school essay on Safety First, 11-year-old Henry Hemmings of Birmingham, was killed today when he slipped from the back of a lorry from which he was hanging. —Reuter.

the engine room to operate the bilge pump, which was the fire pump.

While in the engine room he found that the lighting from shore had suddenly failed out. He immediately connected up with the ship's lighting by starting the dynamo. The ship was in darkness for about 10 minutes. He went up on deck and noticed that the shore lighting cable had been broken. He immediately repaired it and once again switched on the shore lighting.

He could not say whether there was any stampede as for most of the time he was in the engine room, but when he emerged there was still a lot of noise.

In his opinion the breaking of the cable was caused by the stampede.

Chin So, Watchman, said that he was on the main deck in the forward part of the vessel when the fire broke out.

It was his duty to supervise the embarkation of deck passengers. He was not aware of the time of the outbreak and did not know there was a fire until he heard the noise of the passengers.

Stayed On Board

He did not jump on to the wharf but remained on board controlling the crowd. From where he was he could not see if any of the passengers had fallen into the water. He noticed that some of the passengers were carrying small baggage while leaving the ship.

Wu Ho Keung, watchman on board the ship, stated that he was at the aft cargo port door on the main deck controlling the passengers embarking and directing them to their places.

At about 7.05 p.m. he saw a burst of flame at the foot of the stairway on the starboard side and a little later saw a canvas being played on to the fire, which was soon extinguished.

There was a wild stampede by the passengers to get ashore but he did not see any of the passengers bring any baggage with them.

Passengers began embarking at 5.00 p.m.

"It is not unusual for friends of passengers to see them off to the boats," he said.

He could only remember one occasion when he had detected passengers carrying hazardous goods.

A baggage room or reserved space for baggage would not be acceptable to the passenger, who would not leave their baggage.

"Partial suffocation and the result of the stampede would have been the chief cause of the loss of so many lives."

"No starboard doors were ever opened at any time."

"Both stairways on the bow and stern of the vessel were readily accessible."

None of those who rushed off the ship were carrying their baggage.

Asked by Mr. Kwan whether the spreading of luggage on the decks had been a practice for a long time and if it occurred on all river vessels, he replied that it was the practice.

Second Engineer

The third witness, Leung Tau, Second Engineer, said he was asleep in his cabin when the fire broke out and was awakened by the commotion. He left his cabin and went to the aft upper deck by climbing up the side of the ship. His cabin was by the side of the engine room on the saloon deck.

When he reached the boat deck everything seemed to be all over.

Wong Choi, Third Engineer, said that at about 7.00 p.m. when passengers were embarking, he heard a cry of "Save Life" from the steerage aft deck.

He was then in the engine room and intended to go up to the main deck. Leaving the engine room he saw a glow by the stairway on the starboard side and immediately went back into the engine room.

Passage tickets were sold on

Jockeys Hurt In Collision

(By "Rapier")

In the course of their training, Blue Sky (Mrs. K. Kwok) and Meteor (Chinese Riding Boy) came into collision with each other near the winning post.

Both riders were thrown off their mounts. The Chinese Riding Boy suffered slight concussion and had to be carried back to the Jockeys' room where he was attended by Dr. C. C. Ma, who happened to come in to see the morning gallops. After examination Dr. Ma ordered that the boy be sent to Queen Mary Hospital for further attention.

Mr. K. Kwok was found to be suffering from a slight injury to his left leg and was able to walk about with the help of a stick.

After the collision both ponies galloped for two or three rounds and were then caught on the course and brought back to the stables without any ill effects.

TEAMS

The following are to represent C.C.C. against the Navy on Saturday at 2 p.m.—S. Ramchand (Captain), G. Hong Choy, P.J. Billimoria, E.A. Lee, R.R. Irane, D. Leonard, T. Crabtree, K.Y. Tam J.P. Tsui, A.H. Ismail, Robert Tay, Reserve: L. Wong.

Against the Chief and Petty Officers, H.M.S. Tamar on Sunday, at 1.30 p.m., the C.C.C. will be represented by G. Hong Choy (Captain), H.P. Lim, W. Hong Sling, A.H. Ismail, C.S. Carr, L. Wong, A.M. Omar, P. Esmai, R.R. Irane, B.S. Chowla, L.M. Omar, Reserve: A. Kurunuru.

BOWLS

The Annual "Attahoy" Bowls Match will be played at the K.H.G.C. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 10.30 p.m.

Lunch and Tea will be available and members wishing to partake are requested to book, either by Telephone to the Steward or entering their name on the list in the Club not later than Sunday, Feb. 8.

After the match the presentation of trophies will be made to the Winners and Runners-up in the Club Competition.

The Chinese Cadre have officially withdrawn from the Second Division of Hong Kong Football League.

All outstanding matches have therefore been cancelled.

GOLD ON FRENCH FREE MARKET

Paris, Feb. 4.—Gold went on a free market in France today for the first time since 1939.

A Government bill to permit free trading in gold was enacted last night by the Upper Chamber of the French Parliament.

The Chamber of Deputies, the Lower House, passed it last week.

The measure, part of the Government's anti-inflation pro-

gramme, is intended to bring gold out of hiding for use by the nation.

The Government has extended until noon tomorrow the deadline for turning in 5,000 franc notes, which have been outlawed as legal tender in another effort to bring hoarded money into circulation.

City employees in Marseilles struck and said they would remain out until the Government announced how and when it would redeem the outlawed bills.

In cases where potassium chlorate inflamed organic matter, the matter itself would probably burst into flame while the potassium chlorate decomposes forming a white smoke. This possibly accounted for the dense smoke.

He dropped the hose down the side of the ship, climbed down after it, and trained the hose on the fire from an open grill window. The fire, which was some eight feet away from the window, was put out in about fifteen minutes.

The smoke was of a white and yellowish colour, and was being blown by the wind towards the gangway.

When he looked down the staircase he could see the fire at the foot of it.

After the fire was extinguished he saw five expended fire extinguishers lying flat on the main deck in the vicinity of the fire.

Lau Moon, another seaman, told the Court he assisted the previous witness in bringing the hose down from the top deck.

The reddish substance was in no way dangerous and burns with great difficulty.

The potassium chlorate, on the other hand, was definitely dangerous, both in itself and also when in contact with other substances.

No cargo was carried.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Terry, "the potassium chlorate

Shocking State Of Shanghai Street Shelters

Shanghai, Feb. 4.—Mayor K. C. Wu today promised to investigate conditions in winter relief shelters in China's largest city, as the price of rice soared to a new all-time high, promising to increase the number of Shanghai's hungry and homeless. Rice leaped to CN\$1,600,000 for a picul (133 lbs.) with a further increase predicted before Chinese New Year, February 10.

Shanghai Talks With London

Shanghai, Feb. 4.—The first radio-telephone conversation between Shanghai and London since 1937 was held yesterday afternoon when the Chinese Government Radio Administration conducted a test preliminary to the opening of the line.

The Mayor's inquiry had been prompted by stories in the English language "China Press" describing Relief Shelter Number Three. More than 300 men were found sleeping in one room, herded into large units, made of bricks or mats.

The men were sleeping on heaps of straw on a mud floor. Inmates

were not allowed to go into the courtyard, making the air inside foul and nauseating.

Meals consisted of two bowls daily

of stiff, saltless paste—a mixture of soy bean waste, broken rice and vegetable scraps.

They received no drinking water and got heating from the camp Supervisor if they tried to step outside.

A large number of those in the shelter have jobs or homes, but were rounded up because they were shabbily dressed or ill.

According to the paper, relief recipients wept and begged visitors to release them "on bail."

About 80% of the boys in the boys' shelter raised their hands when asked who had not had enough to eat.

Women Kowtow

Some women kowtowed—bowed their heads on the floor in the old style of showing subservience—before Social Affairs Commissioner Wu Kai-shien, saying they had not had enough food and begged to be returned to their husbands and children.

The shelter is being supported by CN\$40,000,000 collected during the winter relief campaigns. It cares for 3,000 persons.

This compares with an estimated 200,000 refugees reported to have streamed into Shanghai during the past year from areas overrun by the civil war.

Government efforts to alleviate the situation have fallen short of the goal because of lack of money.

Prices Soar

Commodity prices continue to rise and to keep pace the Central Bank of China raised its open market rate from CN\$119,500 to CN\$131,500 for US\$. The open market is thus gaining on the black market, which is steady at about CN\$130,000 to US\$1.

The city has announced that the rates for public utilities will be increased tomorrow from 25 to 30%.

Associated Press.

London, Feb. 3.—Mr. J. Gilbert, of Edinburgh, and Mr. E.H.L. Clynes, honorary secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association, have been appointed referee of the track and field events respectively in the Olympic Games.—Reuter.

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.—The Soviet Union will send speed-skating representatives to the European championships at Hamar, Norway, next week, it was learnt here today.

The Russians have paid their subscription to the International Skating Union during its meeting here and two of the best skaters in the Soviet Union, Kudrachev, 500 metres ace and Petrov, 1,500 metres skater, will contest European events against the best skaters on the Continent.—Reuter.

ICE HOCKEY POSTPONED

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.—Owing to the bad conditions of the ice due to the hot sun, the ice-hockey match between Switzerland and Britain was postponed much to the disappointment of the huge crowd that gathered to watch.

There was also no chance of resuming the women's figure-skating owing to ice conditions and a start will now be made with the third figure tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

Bob Sohl, of Michigan University, swam the 100 yards breaststroke here in the new world record time of 60 seconds flat, bettering the official mark for the distance by five-tenths of a second.—Reuter.

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.—The historic Olympic flag was tonight stolen from its mast over the Olympic ice stadium here probably by an over-ambitious souvenir hunter.—Reuter.

Davis Cup Entries